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City of Bedford

Fall & Winter 2003

Newsletter

"The Spirit of '76" Lives On in Painter's Masterpiece



With the recent passing of the second anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, it is perhaps appropriate to revisit one of Bedford's most famous residents and one of America's great patriots and painters, Archibald M. Willard.

Born in 1836, Willard lived in Bedford for the first 19 years of his life before he and his family moved to Wellington, Ohio where he began apprenticing as a carriage and furniture painter. When Civil War was declared, Willard enlisted in the 86th infantry, where he captured the war in his illustrations.

Following the war, Willard moved to New York, opened an art studio, and began his career as an Artist. It wasn't until 1875, that Willard began work on his most famous painting, "The Spirit of '76". Originally named "Yankee Doodle", the completed painting was to be exhibited at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. It was an overwhelming success at the exposition and is recognized today as an American Classic.

And though Willard has been gone for over 80 years, having passed away in 1918, his spirit and name live on with the Archibald M. Willard Color Guard, a local patriotic organization which dresses in Revolutionary War uniforms and serves in various capacities at memorial services and parades. They continue to pay homage to Bedford's most famous resident.



Election Day

Tuesday, November 4, 2003 is Election Day. The following are the voting locations in the city:

Ward 1 - Ellenwood Center

Ward 2 - Bedford High School

Ward 3 - UAW Hall

Ward 4 -

Precinct A-B - Glendale School

Precinct C - First Baptist Church of Bedford

Ward 5 - Bedford City Hall

Ward 6 - Southeast Branch Library

If you have any questions, please contact the Board of Elections at (216) 443-3200.

City Hall will be closed on:

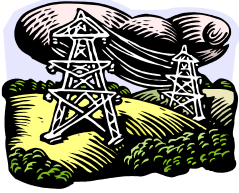
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 27
Day after Thanksgiving	November 28
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25
New Years Eve	December 31

New Trash Receptacles

The City of Bedford, a participant in the Recycle Ohio Program, was awarded \$10,574



from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for recycled trash receptacles. The grant money covered more than two-thirds of the receptacles' total cost of \$15,861. The 30 new recycled trash receptacles are products of post-consumer goods will be placed throughout the city. The 100% recycled plastic slats are made from 370 to 780 milk jugs and the steel is made from post-industrial products.



Customers Satisfied with NOPEC

Consumers in Bedford were among 480,000 electricity customers in Northeast Ohio contacted this summer by NOPEC, a not-for-profit aggregation of 113 communities (including ours) that banded together in 2001 to purchase electricity at bulk rates. The mailing gave every eligible customer in the NOPEC communities the opportunity to continue in the electricity program, enter the program, or withdraw from it.

Under Ohio law, opt-out aggregations such as NOPEC are required to give each eligible customer the option to change enrollment status once every two years. The process allows municipalities, with voter approval, to enroll customers on an opt-out basis. In other words, you are automatically enrolled unless you specifically decline, or "opt out." This assures a larger customer base, giving the aggregation more leverage in bargaining with suppliers.

This past summer marked two years since NOPEC's original opt-out mailing, so every customer received an opt-out card from NOPEC's chosen electric supplier, Green Mountain Energy Company. Fewer than five percent of eligible customers opted out, well below the predicted statistical average of 10 to 15 percent. And a wide majority of those who did choose to opt out were not current NOPEC customers. So judging by the numbers, most customers seem satisfied with NOPEC.

And why not? NOPEC offers a guaranteed discount every month off the First Energy rate. Residential customers receive six percent off the generation price, and commercial customers get a four-percent discount. There are no fees to pay, no tax dollars involved, and everything else – from service to billing – remains exactly the same.

Tax Department Honored for Online Tax Program

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recently honored the City of Bedford's Tax Department with the 2003 *Innovation in Public Finance Award*. Frank Gambosi, Finance Director for the City of Bedford, accepted the award on behalf of those involved at an awards banquet on September 17th, 2003.

Mr. Gambosi and the Tax Department, working in conjunction with Benne, Mclean & Associates, Municipal Income Tax Solutions and the Dudash Factory, created a user friendly, easy to understand, online tax preparation program. The program makes it possible for residents and tax preparers to complete tax forms accurately from home and at their convenience.

City of Bedford taxpayers can take advantage of the new program by visiting www.bedfordoh.gov. From the City of Bedford homepage, the tax preparer can choose the link for the City Income Tax Department located on the left hand side of the web page. From there, easy step-by-step instructions help you complete the return. The program displays highlighted areas on a W-2 form, requests the tax preparer to type in the corresponding figures, and executes all of the calculations, including taxpayer payments made during the year. Once completed, simply print out the form and mail to:

**P.O. Box 92636-T
Cleveland, Ohio 44190-2636**



Tax Preparation link, as seen on the City's website

Tax Returns are due no later than April 30th, 2003. Any further questions, contact the Tax Department at 440-735-6505.

Police Department Reports on Blackout



City of Bedford's Backup Generator

During the Blackout that occurred Thursday, August 14th, the City of Bedford's Police Department reported that despite the heat and low water pressure, the night passed without incident. The new generator aided in making all areas of the Police Department functional, and there were no significant increases in criminal activity. The Department reported using about 180 flares throughout the night and officers consumed 5 cases of water.

New County Programs for 2003

Senior Clean-Up Program—Provides free one time yard assistance to those who qualify. Applications will be available at Bedford City Hall. To see if you are eligible for the program, please call 440-735-6521. Please do not delay, the deadline for accepting applications is October 31st, 2003.

MURAL (Mixed Use Rental Assistance Loan)

This program provides funds for repairs and renovations in apartments located over street level retail stores.

Storefront Renovation

This program assists businesses and property owners to utilize grant money and low, fixed-rate long term loans to make exterior improvements to their commercial buildings.

For information regarding all County Programs, visit the Cuyahoga County Department of Development website at www.cuyahoga.oh.us/development or call 216-443-7260.

Senior Flu Shots

Senior flu shots will be given on November 20, 2003 at Ellenwood from 1:00PM until 4:00PM. Please contact the Recreation Dept. at 232-3422 to make an appointment. They take 25 people every 15 minutes.

Cable TV Discounts for Seniors

Bedford residents age 60 and over are entitled to a 15 percent (15%) discount on their bill for the Family Cable level of service only. The City of Bedford approves all discounts and will accept applications at City Hall or Ellenwood Center. A completed application, copy of proof of age (license, state ID, or birth certificate), and a copy of an entire cable bill (bill must show Senior's name and address) are required when applying for the discount. For further information call City Hall at 232-1600.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Bedford Commons will be held on Wednesday, November 26, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. sharp. The Bedford Firefighters Local 1683 will again be providing refreshments, and Santa Claus will be stopping down to join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season.



Fall and Winter Announcements from the Bedford Service Department

Chipper Service—The Chipper Service will be unavailable from October 3, 2003 to December 12, 2003.

Leaf Collection—Leaf collection will begin in October. Rake leaves to the tree lawn. **DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET** (Per City Ordinance #531.04 you will be issued a citation for littering). Raking leaves into the street will block catch basins and storm sewers. The city will run 4 machines and make continuous rounds until all leaves are collected.

Old Paint and Pesticide Round-up—Fall collection will begin October 1, 2003 and run through October 31, 2003. Old paint and pesticides can be dropped off at the Bedford Service Garage, 100 Solon Rd., Monday through Friday 8-4. NO LATEX PAINT. This service is available for BEDFORD RESIDENTS ONLY.

Christmas Tree Collection—The Service Department will make continuous rounds with the chipper until all Christmas Trees are collected. Please place your trees on the tree lawn and please make sure bags and ornaments have been removed before pick up.

Snow Removal—When snow exceeds 2 inches, a parking ban is put into effect. No parking on any city streets (ordinance #5641-86). This makes it easier for the city snowplows to clear the streets.

Sidewalks—It is the property owner's responsibility to clear snow from the sidewalks abutting their property.

Snow Removal from Private Property—When having your driveway and sidewalks cleared of snow, all snow is to remain on your property.



Visual Restoration Plans Underway for Northfield Road

Plans to beautify the area along the Northfield Road Corridor between Union and Forbes Road are underway. The Economic Development and Community Planning Department is currently gathering information for the residents and owners of businesses along Northfield Road. The proposal calls for a collective visual restoration of the entire area and will include: improving existing landscaping, parking, signage, building structures, and fencing.

Financing of this project will be both private and public. Owners of the businesses along the stretch of Northfield will be given information on low interest loans and grant-based financing through County programs specifically structured for small business renovations. The City of Bedford will offer financial assistance to those who take part in the project as well.

The city anticipates the project to begin as soon as possible and hopes the restoration is a success similar to the current Streetscape Project, which has greatly improved the look of Historic Downtown Bedford.

Architectural renderings of a proposed restoration of a property along Northfield Road. The illustrations are courtesy of Doty & Miller Architecture.



Happy Holidays!



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The City of Bedford Recycles



GLASS- (in blue bag) Only clear, green and brown bottles and jars. Rinse all items. Remove caps and rings. No need to remove labels. **UNACCEPTABLE** - Caps on containers, windowpanes, ceramic mirrors, drinking glasses, light bulbs.

METAL - (in blue bag) Rinsed aluminum, bi-metal and steel cans from foods and beverages. **UNACCEPTABLE** - Aerosol cans or any hazardous waste containers.

PLASTIC BOTTLES - (in blue bag) #1,2 &3 plastic, pop, milk, water bottles, detergent and bleach bottles. **UNACCEPTABLE** - Caps on containers, any other plastic products, including plastic shopping bags, and other types of containers, caps or parts/items.

NEWSPAPER - (in brown bag) Newspapers in paper bags, tie or bundle. **UNACCEPTABLE** - phone books, junk mail, and any other waste products.

CARDBOARD - (tied on brown bag) Clean corrugated cardboard boxes. Flatten all boxes and tie or place in brown paper bags. **UNACCEPTABLE** - Pieces larger than 3'x3", pizza boxes, no plastic or glazed cardboard as found on frozen food or cereal boxes.

WHITE GOODS - Washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove, air conditioner, hot water tank, etc. **UNACCEPTABLE** - Fuel tanks, propane tanks, metal drums.

FURNITURE, CARPETING, MATTRESSES - Any furniture or mattresses can be placed at the curb with trash. Carpeting must be cut into rolls.

**Getting rid of Old Clothing: Before throwing out, contact:*

Dress for success, East Side Catholic Center, Goodwill, St. Herman's House- For a complete listing and numbers call the SWD at 216-443-3749



Christmas in Bedford Falls

Christmas in Bedford Falls", an annual holiday celebration will take place on December 13, 2003 from 1-6PM. Once again there will be a horse drawn carriage! Come join us as we celebrate the holidays with numerous activities for both children and adults in the Square and Business District. We hope to see you there!

Corrections

Recently, new SBC phone books were issued with incorrect listings for several City of Bedford numbers. Here are the correct addresses and listings.

Located at 165 Center Road

City Hall	440-232-1600
Fire Dept-	
Emergency - Dial 911 or	440-232-1212
Fire Non-Emergency	440-232-1214
Municipal Court	440-232-3420
Police Dept-	
Emergency - Dial 911 or	440-232-1234
Non-Emergency Calls	440-232-7600
Detective Bureau	440-232-3408

Located at 411 Lamson Road

Municipal Pool	440-439-4560
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Special Thanks to: The Ohio Historical Society online for biographical information on Archibald Willard and <http://pws.prserve.net/wrssaroh/pagesar4.html> for the information on the Archibald Willard Color Guard.